



Mansfield Tomorrow

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Advisory Group Meeting
Wednesday April 2, 2014
6:30 pm
Buchanan Center Auditorium
Draft Minutes

Advisory Group Members Present: *Quentin Kessel, Jim Morrow, Tom Callahan, John Armstrong Meg Reich, , Al Cyr, John McGuire, Kristin Schwab, Winky Gordon, Jeff Polhemus.* **Project Staff Present:** *Jennifer Kaufman, Mansfield Tomorrow Project Manager; Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development.* **Guests Present:** *none*

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:35. Jennifer and Linda welcomed members.
- II. Minutes of March 26, 2014 were reviewed and accepted
- III. Public Comment on chapters 3, 4,5, and 7- None
- IV. Discussion of Draft Plan-
 - Al Cyr stated that at the Agriculture Committee Meeting of April 1, 2014, they expressed concern about the title of Chapter 7-Diversifying the Economy and Sustaining Agriculture. They felt that Agriculture should be not separated out but viewed as any other sector of the economy. The AgCom suggested the title *Diversifying the Economy in a Rural Town*. Members of the Advisory Group discussed this and suggested just changing the name of the title to *Diversifying the Economy*. The specific goals related to Agriculture should remain.
 - Members discussed chapters 8,9,10, and 11; a summary of comments is attached.
- V. Public Comment-none.
- VI. Next Steps- This was the last official meeting of the Advisory Group. Jennifer and Linda are compiling all of the comments for PZC. The plan will then be revised based on the comments from all of the committees and the Planning and Zoning Commission. A revised plan will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission in late June for the purpose of scheduling public hearings. Members requested that they get a copy of the public hearing draft of the plan. They also suggested that there be a dialog between PZC and the Advisory Group to discuss the plan.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Advisory Group Comments-April 2, 2014

Chapter 8	
Page/section of plan	
15-16	Goal 1,A-Consider merging actions 1 and 4
15	Goal 1- Consider adding a strategy that encourages coordination of projects. For example when adding the water line, investigate the possibility of adding a pedestrian/bike path, adding other utilities such as gas, fiber optics and sewer.
17	Action 6 Need to encourage the development of a corridor plan to address commuting patterns from Mansfield to Hartford, Farmington, etc.
20	Action 5 Perhaps the Town should think of a way to incentivize community septic systems. Because putting in a community septic system involves a state permit, which most developers are not as familiar with, takes longer, and is more costly, that includes some sort of incentive to encourage community septic systems may be warranted.
20	Action 6-don't just target state funding. Look for other sources as well. Description doesn't reflect action statement, needs to be revised.
Overall	Add information and goals related to other infrastructure (other utilities, stormwater, energy, etc).
Chapter 9	
25	Strategy E. Add faculty and staff too.
26	Add an action under strategy E to encourage UConn to include Town residents and staff to serve on committees/projects.
28	Shorten strategy A by referring to the police study and encourage the Town to evaluate and update as necessary.
28	Strategy A, action 4. ...this could result in 500 new student dwelling units (use of 'households' is confusing).
28	Add some acknowledgement that quality emergency services reduce insurance premiums.
29	Strategy B, action 1. Tom Callahan asked if there was data to support the first sentence in the description; if not, needs to be revised. John Armstrong suggested rewording this strategy; and he will submit suggested wording via email
30	Add an action about encouraging neighborhood support during a disaster.
32	Move actions in strategy relating to increasing access to healthy foods that relate to marketing to chapter 7.
33	For recreation activities there should be an action to include a variety of offerings beyond ball fields and natural areas. Parks and Recreation should be encouraged to broaden their offerings.
33	Strategy B, Action 2: Is artificial turf sustainable?
33	Action 5 (biking trails) are a high priority.
34	Strategy C, Action 4 needs further explanation. Perhaps a statement like how we build and where we build impacts community health. Use a few examples.
35	Action 2 add quotes to "Third Places".
36	Action 3 add architectural standards
37	Suggest moving goals 6 and 7 to chapter 11.
Chapter 10	
Overall	Define "Light industrial"
	Add another goal about coordinating civic institutions with private development. There should be recognition that land use is not just a private matter but also needs coordination with the

	public realm.
5	Clarify the difference between the Future Land use Strategy Map and the Future land use map.
27-43	Suggested putting concept plans into a separate report as a way to provide guidance without implying legal basis for future development proposals
27-43	Suggested not including concept plans for University land (Northwood Apts, Depot Campus, Mansfield Apts). A statement such as collaborate with UConn to develop a master plan for these parcels and other edge properties would be more appropriate.
Chapter 11	
	No Comments